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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Danny Worrell

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 4-11 and 13-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McLarty III et al (5533789).

The disclosure of McLarty III et al (5533789) teaches a knitted color-fast material to the extent claimed including a first component (30) with substantial stretch properties and a second component (34) with substantially lower stretch properties than those of the first component. The material is a fabric manufactured by knitting and the components are dyed prior to fabric formation for providing a material having a color-fastness and color-uniformity in both stretched and relaxed states. Note that the second material (34) is solution dyed. See column 3, lines 44-48.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 3 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McLarty III (5533789).

The disclosure of McLarty III et al teaches a knitted colorfast material as claimed except for the first component being solution dyed. It would have been obvious at the time the invention

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was made to provide the first yarn component as a solution dyed component so that the dye is distributed evenly throughout the yarn rather generally on the yarn surface.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 9/21/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the inclusion a wrapped yarn in the reference of McLarty III prevents the art from reading applicant's claims. The examiner disagrees. The fact that the yarn of McLarty is made up of multiple components does not prevent it from being designated as a stretch yarn dyed before fabricating the fabric. Concerning the "consisting essentially of" recitation, MPEP 2111.03 sets forth that while the transitional phrase "consisting essentially of" limits the scope of the claim to the specified material or steps and those that do not materially affect the basic and novel characteristics of the claimed invention, for the purposes of applying prior art, absent a clear indication in the specification or claims of what the basic and novel characteristics actually are, the phrase "consisting essentially of" will be construed as meaning comprising.

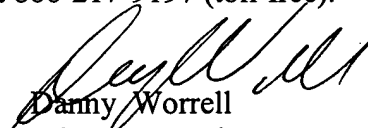
Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Danny Worrell whose telephone number is 571/272-5997. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday.

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